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Docket No.: 163-350

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
PATENT OPERATIONS

In re Application of: )  
VISMARA, Mario, et. Al. ) Group Art Unit: 3683  
Serial No.: 09/975,804 ) Examiner: Kramer, Devon  
Filed: October 12, 2001 )

For: IMPROVED EFFICIENCY IMPACT ABSORPTION DEVICE

New York, NY 10036  
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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action that was mailed October 23, 2002. Kindly amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 4, 5 and 7 as follows:

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1. (amended) Improved efficiency impact absorption device (10, 10'), which comprises a honeycomb (20), said honeycomb (20) having a number of ribs (11) that define respective outlets (12), having a hexagonal section, terminating in holes (13), in a lower part of the honeycomb (20), the above-